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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

NAME OF PROPOSAL: 2010 King County Open Space Plan: Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (Update of 2004 King County Open Space System Plan: Parks, Trails, Natural Areas and Working Resource Lands)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: The proposal is for an update of the King County Parks Comprehensive Plan (2004 King County Open Space System Plan: Parks, Trails, Natural Areas and Working Resource Lands), which was adopted by the King County Council on July 19, 2004. The 2010 King County Open Space Plan: Parks, Trails and Natural Areas is a functional plan, which provides the policy framework for the county's acquisition, development, stewardship, management and funding of the open space system. The intent of the plan is to provide responsible stewardship for King County's open space resources, focusing on environmental protection, recreational opportunities, and improved ways of generating revenue and reducing costs. While the plan itself does not include site-specific recommendations, implementation of policies at a later date may include projects needing permits and approvals, which would require additional environmental review under SEPA and/or NEPA. This plan will be submitted for approval to the King County Executive and the King County Council.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: This programmatic plan does not include location-specific recommendations.

PROPONENT & LEAD AGENCY: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). In making this Threshold Determination, the responsible official has reviewed the completed environmental checklist, the use agreement and other environmental information on file with the lead agency. This information is available for review upon request (and copying for a nominal photocopying charge) of File Number DPR-S-10-001 at the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, King Street Center, 201 South Jackson Street, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98104. The plan, environmental checklist, DNS and other information are also available on the King County Parks website:

http://www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/about/openspaceplan.aspx

This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340. The lead agency will not act on this proposal until after Thursday, April 22 2010. The public comment period is fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance of the DNS pursuant to WAC 197-11-500. Any comments must be submitted in writing by 4:30 P.M., Thursday, April 22, 2010. If you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please contact Sharon Claussen at (206) 263-6205.

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